

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated July 23, 2008, allowing claims 1-37.

By the present amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-18 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Further, the specification has been amended to conform the Title, Abstract, and Summary of the Invention to the claims allowed in this application, and the names of several sections in the specification have been amended.

According to MPEP §714.16, the examiner “has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval.” Because the amendments presented in this paper include only corrections of formal matters in the specification, the examiner is authorized under MPEP § 714.16 to make the amendments presented herein. No new matter is added by these amendments, and no amendments to the claims are presented.

Applicants respectfully request that these amendments be entered in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 under the Examiner's authority as specified in MPEP § 714.16.

The present amendment is believed to be needed for proper disclosure of the invention, and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office.

For the forgoing reasons, the application, including claims 19-37, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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